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**FORT BELVOIR TAX CENTER TO LIMIT TAX PREPARATION AND FILING SERVICES THIS
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FORT BELVOIR, VIRGINIA, 9 January 2012 - Colonel Edward K. Lawson IV, the Staff Judge Advocate for the Garrison Legal Office at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, announced today that the Fort Belvoir Installation Tax Center will limit eligibility for its free tax preparation and filing services to Company Grade Officers and Enlisted Soldiers who work or reside on Fort Belvoir when it opens on 1 February 2012.

Due to severe budget constraints, personnel shortages, and the civilian hiring freeze, the Fort Belvoir Tax Center is unable to provide this free benefit to all eligible customers in the National Capitol Region as it has in past years. This year, tax services will be limited to active duty military members and their dependents in pay grades O3 and below who work or reside on Fort Belvoir. The Fort Belvoir Tax Center will prepare tax returns for individuals who perform child care in the home in accordance with Army Regulation, but only if they can use a Schedule C-EZ.

The following individuals are also ineligible to obtain services from the Fort Belvoir Tax Center, even if O3 and below, due to the inherent complexity and time-consuming nature of reporting certain types of income on tax returns:

- Those who report rental property income.
- Those who have more than ten (10) stock or mutual fund sales.
- Those who report self-employment income.

Tax preparation is by appointment only between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 1 February to 1 May 2012. To request an appointment, eligible customers as described above must visit the Fort Belvoir Legal Assistance/Tax Center website at www.belvoir.army.mil/sja/newsite/Lad/tax.asp.

Although the Fort Belvoir Tax Center is unable this year to provide services to any Field Grade and Senior Officers, and those Company Grade Officers and Enlisted Soldiers who do not work or reside on Fort Belvoir, it will continue to deliver professional tax support to the junior members of the Fort Belvoir active duty community and their families.

We sincerely apologize for the inconvenience this will cause for those who are no longer eligible to obtain tax services at Fort Belvoir, but this office is currently not funded or staffed to provide this free service to the same extent it has in previous years. Information on other military tax centers in the National Capitol Region that may be able to assist others will be posted on the website listed above.

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